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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY. A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS, AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS-----.

NARR:

THE UNITED STATES THIS WEEK TOOK A STRONG POSITION ON THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. PRESIDENT FORD CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE BETWEEN FIGHTING FACTIONS...AN END TO ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION, AND THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. HIS CONCERN WAS PROMPTED BY THE SOVIET ROLE IN THE ANGOLA CRISIS:

TAPE: FORD :26

"THE SOVIET UNION MUST REALIZE THAT THE SOVIET ATTEMPT TO TAKE UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE OF THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF U.S. SOVIET RELATIONS. IF IT CONTINUES, DAMAGE TO OUR BROADER RELATIONS WILL BE UNAVOIDABLE."

NARR:

NIGERIA DENOUNCED MISTER FORD'S CALL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM ANGOLA...AND LABELED A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE MURTALA MUHAMMED "AN INSULT TO AFRICA'S INTELLIGENCE." THE STATE DEPARTMENT CALLED THE NIGERIAN ACCUSATIONS UNJUSTIFIED AND UNWARRENTED, AND SAID MR. FORD'S LETTER MERELY RESTATED KNOWN AMERICAN POSITIONS. IN ADDIS ABABA, AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS SET UP AN AGENDA FOR SATURDAY'S ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON THE WAR IN ANGOLA. NEWS REPORTS IN WASHINGTON

SAID SOUTH AFRICA IS PLANNING TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM ANGOLA...BUT A SOUTH AFRICAN SPOKESMAN DECLINED COMMENT.

IN THE FACE OF A PENDING SENATE INVESTIGATION, CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY WAS ASKED THIS WEEK ABOUT UNITED STATES' INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA:

TAPE: COLBY

"THE BASIC ANSWER IS THAT THERE ARE NO AMERICANS FIGHTING IN ANGOLA, PERIOD. THE EARLY REFERENCES TO ANGOLA AS BEING A NEW VIETNAM REALLY ARE TOTALLY ABSURD. BECAUSE THE POINT ABOUT CIA'S COVERT OPERATION IS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO DO THINGS WITHOUT LARGE COMMITMENTS OF AMERICAN FORCES. WE HAVE A SITUATION NOW WHERE WE HAVE A SOVIET DESTROYER, A SOVIET CRUISER, A SOVIET L.S.T., SOVIET OILERS, IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, OFF WEST AFRICA. NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, THE SOVIETS ARE EXPRESSING THEIR INTERESTS IN THAT AREA. NOW TO SAY THAT CIA SHOULD NOT GIVE SOME HELP TO SOME FRIENDS WHO ARE TRYING TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DESIRE OF THE SOVIETS AND THE CUBANS AND THEIR GROUP, THAT THEY'RE MANIPULATING AND SUPPORTING I THINK IS THE HEIGHT OF ABSURDITY."

NARR:

A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENCE OF THOSE SOVIET SHIPS OFF ANGOLA IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN AN AREA WHERE IT HAS NO LEGITIMATE INTERESTS. BUT THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS LATER DENIED THERE ARE SOVIET SHIPS IN THE AREA.

(OPT) IN THE ANGOLAN FIGHTING, THE NATIONAL FRONT TOWN OF CARMONA AND ITS STRATEGIC AIR STRIP WERE TAKEN BY THE POPULAR MOVEMENT THIS WEEK. NATIONAL FRONT LEADERS SAID A FORCE OF SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED CUBAN SOLDIERS FIGHTING FOR THE MPLA IN NORTHERN ANGOLA HAD LEFT NATIONAL FRONT FORCES BADLY OUTNUMBERED IN THAT AREA. (END OPT)

ONE OF THIS CENTURY'S MOST IMPORTANT WORLD LEADERS DIED THIS WEEK...CHINESE PREMIER CHOU EN LAI WAS SEVENTY EIGHT YEARS OLD AND HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR SOME TIME. THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID DEATH WAS CAUSED BY CANCER. MISTER

CHOU MANAGED THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. HE WAS CONSIDERED THE ARCHITECT OF CHINA'S RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND HE BROKE WITH SOVIET LEADERSHIP ON MATTERS OF COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AROUND THE WORLD HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SORROW AT MISTER CHOU'S DEATH.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESS SPOKESMAN RON NESEN RELAYED PRESIDENT FORD'S REACTION.

TAPE: NESEN :29

"PREMIER CHOU EN LAI WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED AS A REMARKABLE LEADER WHO HAS LEFT HIS IMPRINT NOT ONLY ON THE HISTORY OF CHINA, BUT ALSO ON THE WORLD SCENE. WE AMERICANS WILL REMEMBER HIM ESPECIALLY FOR THE ROLE HE PLAYED IN BUILDING A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP ON THE FOUNDATION OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WHICH HE HELPED TO ESTABLISH."

NARR:

THE SECOND WEEK OF THE NEW YEAR BROUGHT RENEWED FIGHTING TO BEIRUT LEBANON...AS PALESTINIAN AND MOSLEM FACTIONS ATTACKED A CHRISTIAN BLOCKADE AROUND THE TEL AL-ZAATAR REFUGEE CAMP. DOZENS OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND MANY MORE INJURED IN THE FIGHTING, WHICH SHATTERED THE LATEST CEASEFIRE IN NINE MONTHS OF CIVIL STRIFE. ELSEWHERE, SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WARNED THAT HIS COUNTRY WILL TAKE OVER ALL OF LEBANON IF THERE IS A MOVE TO PARTITION THE COUNTRY. MISTER KHADDAM SAID SYRIA HAS NO WISH TO ANNEX ITS NEIGHBOR BUT WOULD INTERVENE IF PARTITION IS PLANNED. ISRAEL REACTED SWIFTLY. DEFENSE MINISTER SHIMON PERES WARNED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD VIEW ANY SYRIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN LEBANON AS AN INVASION...AND THAT ISRAEL WOULD ACT ACCORDINGLY.

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HERE IN WASHINGTON, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER MET THIS
WEEK WITH ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON...TO COORDINATE
THEIR POSITIONS ON NEXT WEEK'S U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE
EAST DEBATE. ISRAEL HAS SAID IT WILL BOYCOTT THE SESSION IF,
AS EXPECTED, THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TAKES
PART. (OPT) MISTER ALLON TOLD NEWSMEN HE WANTS TO HEAD OFF
ANY EFFORT TO HAVE THE SECURITY COUNCIL WORK OUT A PEACE
SETTLEMENT:

TAPE: ALLON :34

"WE SHALL NOT PERMIT THE EXTREMIST ELEMENTS, WHETHER IT'S
SYRIA OR THE PLO OR EVEN THE SOVIET UNION TO TURN THE
SECURITY COUNCIL INTO A PEACE CONFERENCE DE FACTO. THE
LAST INSTITUTION WHICH IS CAPABLE OF BECOMING AN
INSTRUMENT OF PEACE IS UNFORTUNATELY THE SECURITY COUNCIL." (END
OPT)

NARR:

THE MAIN ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL IS THE FUTURE ROLE
OF THE PALESTINIANS. ARAB DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED
TO PRESS FOR A CHANGE IN EXISTING RESOLUTIONS WHICH REFER
TO THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM, TO INCLUDE RECOGNITION
OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID
THIS WEEK THE UNITED STATES WILL VETO ANY RESOLUTION IT
BELIEVES WILL NOT HELP THE PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN THE
AREA.

INDIAN LEADERS THIS WEEK SUSPENDED ANOTHER ARTICLE OF THE
COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION. CITIZENS CAN NO LONGER ASK THE
COURTS TO ENFORCE SEVERAL FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE
FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY, AND FREEDOM TO MOVE
ABOUT FREELY. NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN FOR THE ORDER, WHICH
CAME AS PARLIAMENT OPENED THIS YEAR'S SESSION IN NEW DELHI.
PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI ATTACKED CRITICS OF HER STATE

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OF EMERGENCY SAYING "PERSONAL RIGHTS ARE SACRED, BUT NOT MORE SACRED THAN THE NATION'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND PROSPER."

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ITALY ENDED THE WEEK FACING A NEW POLITICAL CRISIS. THE MINORITY GOVERNMENT OF PREMIER ALDO MORO RESIGNED AFTER THE SOCIALISTS WITHDREW THEIR PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT, SAYING THEY WERE DISSATISFIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM. PRESIDENT GIOVANNI LEONE WILL BEGIN CONSULTATIONS ON MONDAY, SEEKING A SOLUTION TO ITALY'S THIRTY-SECOND POLITICAL CRISIS SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO. MEANWHILE... HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CIVIL SERVANTS STAGED A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR STRIKE THIS WEEK TO PRESS DEMANDS FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS.

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT... TWO U.S. NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THIS WEEK THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAD GIVEN SIX MILLION DOLLARS TO ITALIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE PAST MONTH. CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE REPORTS:

TAPE: COLBY :29

"WE HAVE NOT SPENT A NICKEL IN ITALY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT IT. I CANNOT DISCUSS WHAT OUR PLANS, WHAT OUR THOUGHTS MIGHT BE FOR THE FUTURE. SHOULD THE UNITED STATES HELP ITS FRIENDS IN A FRIENDLY COUNTRY TO KEEP THAT COUNTRY FROM COMING UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL, AND HAVING THE COMMUNIST PARTY BE THE DOMINANT PARTY? I THINK THE UNITED STATES CAN HELP ITS FRIENDS."

NARR:

BOTH THE ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES ALSO DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED CIA MONEY.

TENSION MOUNTED IN NORTHERN IRELAND THIS WEEK... AS BRITAIN SENT IN TROOPS OF THE ELITE SPECIAL AIR SERVICE, AN ANTI-GUERRILLA UNIT. THE DECISION FOLLOWED A NUMBER

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OF DEATHS IN COUNTY ARMAGH NEAR THE IRISH REPUBLIC BORDER, AND BOMBINGS IN BELFAST. WHEN TEN PROTESTANTS WERE MACHINE-GUNNED TO DEATH THIS WEEK IN APPARENT RETALIATION FOR THE KILLING OF FIVE CATHOLICS, BRITAIN SECRETARY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, MERLYN REESE, CONDEMNED THE INCREASING VIOLENCE:

TAPE: REESE :36

"IT'S A SECTARIAN MURDER, PURE AND SIMPLE, HANDGUN, AL CAPONE GANGSTERISM, CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL. IT'S NOT POLITICAL, IT'S NOT CONCERNED WITH WHAT I MAY OR MAY NOT SAY IN ANY POLITICAL TERMS, IT IS STRAIGHT GANGSTERISM, AND RETALIATION BREEDS RETALIATION. UNLESS PEOPLE DOWN THERE REALIZE THE NONSENSE, THE WICKED NONSENSE OF WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO THEIR FELLOW MEN, THIS WILL GO ON AND ON AND ON...AND SOMETHING HAS GOT TO EMERGE IN THE COMMUNITY TO STOP IT, BECAUSE EXTRA SOLDIERS, EXTRA POLICE BY ITSELF WILL NOT DO IT."

NARR:

PRIME MINISTER WILSON MET WITH MISTER REESE IN LONDON, AND CALLED FOR MORE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES FROM NORTHERN IRELAND. BUT THE POLITICAL WING OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY CALLED THE NEW TROOPS A PROVOCATION DESIGNED TO SHATTER THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE TRUCE DECLARED A YEAR AGO.

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WHAT STARTED AS A SUBWAY STRIKE IN MADRID SPREAD TO FACTORIES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES THROUGHOUT SPAIN THIS WEEK. SUBWAY WORKERS CONTINUED TO DEFY GOVERNMENT BACK-TO-WORK ORDERS, AND IGNORED A THREAT TO DRAFT THE STRIKERS INTO THE ARMY, WHERE THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO COURT MARTIAL. ARMY ENGINEERS TOOK OVER SOME OF MADRID'S SUBWAY LINES DURING THE WEEK, EASING WHAT HAD BECOME A COLOSSAL TRAFFIC JAM IN THE CITY.

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(OPT) SPAIN TOOK ANOTHER STEP TOWARD TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SPANISH SAHARA THIS WEEK...PULLING OUT TROOPS FROM THE CAPITAL OF EL AAIUN. MEANWHILE, MOROCCAN PRIME MINISTER AHMED OSMAN SAID IN PARIS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO AVOID AN ARMED CLASH WITH ALGERIA OVER SAHARA. HIS COUNTRY WILL BEGIN TO ADMINISTER THE TERRITORY JOINTLY WITH MAURITANIA AROUND THE END OF FEBRUARY. (END OPT)

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(OPT) IN AN EFFORT TO BRING PORTUGAL'S ECONOMIC CRISIS UNDER CONTROL, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK IT WILL REGULATE THE PRICE OF ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS TO ENSURE SUPPLIES. THE GOVERNMENT BLAMED THE ECONOMIC SITUATION ON WHAT IT CALLED THE "TOTAL PERMISSIVENESS" OF EARLIER ADMINISTRATIONS. PORTUGAL ALSO ANNOUNCED IT WILL EXPEL SOME TEN THOUSAND FOREIGNERS ACCUSED OF INVOLVEMENT IN LEFTIST LED VIOLENCE THERE. (END OPT)

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(OPT) ICELAND THREATENED TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN THIS WEEK, UNLESS BRITISH SHIPS STOP HARRASSING ICELANDIC PATROL BOATS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. ICELAND'S CABINET ALSO DECIDED TO SEEK A SPECIAL NATO MEETING TO DISCUSS THE LATEST INCIDENTS IN THE SO-CALLED COD WAR. (END OPT)

THE US DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WEEK THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS EXPANDING ITS FACILITIES AT THE SOMALI PORT OF BERBERA IN AFRICA. A SPOKESMAN SAID A DOCK CAPABLE OF ACCOMODATING GUIDED MISSILE CRUISERS IS BEING INSTALLED. AND HE SAID THE SOVIETS ARE BUILDINGS A SECOND MISSILE INSTALLATION AT ANOTHER SOMALI PORT CITY.

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(OPT) CAMBODIA CHANGED ITS NAME AND ITS GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE THIS WEEK. THE NEW "DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIA" WILL BE RULED BY A PRESIDENT AND TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS, TO BE CHOSEN EVERY FIVE YEARS BY A REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY. THE COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION SAYS CAMBODIA WANTS CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS. BUT IT SAYS CAMBODIA WILL PERMIT NO FOREIGN MILITARY BASES ON ITS SOIL, AND WILL RESIST ALL OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

(END OPT)

(OPT) THE THAI GOVERNMENT REACHED A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTRY'S LABOR UNIONS THIS WEEK...ENDING A FIVE-DAY STRIKE. THE DISPUTE WAS OVER COMMODITY PRICES AND IT TOUCHED OFF POLITICAL OPPOSITION ATTEMPTS TO DEBATE A NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION AGAINST PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT PRAMOJ. IN A MOVE TO STRENGTHEN THE GOVERNMENT, MISTER KUKRIT RESHUFFLED HIS CABINET...BUT NO MAJOR POLICY CHANGES ARE EXPECTED. (END OPT)

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THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND MET IN KINGSTON JAMAICA THIS WEEK TO EXPAND IMF LOANS TO DEVELOPING NATIONS. THE FINANCE MINISTERS LEGALIZED THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF FLOATING CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES, AND ABOLISHED THE OFFICIAL PRICE OF GOLD. THE FUND ALSO AGREED TO SELL PART OF ITS GOLD, USING PROFITS FOR A SPECIAL TRUST FUND TO AID NEEDY COUNTRIES.

(OPT) OUTSIDE THE MEETING HALL SEVERAL HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTED THE PRESENCE OF A SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION. (END OPT)

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IN PARIS, THIS WEEK, REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPING AND OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES MET TO PLAN STRATEGY FOR NEXT MONTH'S ECONOMIC TALKS WITH INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. THEY DEBATED

(APPROVED/REJECTED) A DOCUMENT DEMANDING GUARANTEES THAT INFLATION IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL NOT HARM THEIR PURCHASING POWER. IT'S STILL NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE DELEGATES WILL INSIST THAT THE PRICE OF RAW MATERIALS BE LINKED TO WESTERN INFLATION RATES. INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HAVE SAID SUCH A LINK IS UNWORKABLE, AND WOULD HARM MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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THE LONG FIGHT FOR FREEDOM BY SOVIET DISSIDENT MATHEMATICIAN LEONID PLYUSHCH CAME TO AN END THIS WEEK. SOVIET AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD RELEASE HIM FROM A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL WHERE HE SPENT TWO YEARS AFTER BEING ARRESTED FOR ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES. MISTER PLYUSHCH WAS (TO BE) REUNITED WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS AT THE HUNGARIAN BORDER

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(OPT) FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS COVERING THE SOVIET SCENE SOON WILL HAVE LESS RED TAPE TO CONTEND WITH. MOSCOW HAS EASED DOMESTIC TRAVEL REGULATIONS SO JOURNALISTS WON'T HAVE TO GET FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMISSION TO VISIT NON-RESTRICTED PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE NEW RULES -- WHICH TAKE EFFECT MARCH FIRST -- GIVE NEWSMEN THE SAME TRAVELLING RIGHTS AS DIPLOMATS. (END OPT)

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A DRAMATIC HIJACKING ATTEMPT IN MANILA ENDED IN FAILURE MONDAY. AFTER ELEVEN HOURS ... TWO FILIPINO BROTHERS SURRENDERED AND RELEASED MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED HOSTAGES THEY HELD ON BOARD A JAPAN AIR LINES JET. IN RETURN, THE WOULD-BE HIJACKERS DEMANDED AND RECEIVED COMPLETE ANONYMITY. THEY TOLD

POLICE THEY TOOK OVER THE PLANE JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO GO TO JAPAN.

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FRENCH POLICE SOLVED A BIZARRE KIDNAPPING CASE THIS WEEK...WHEN RECORD COMPANY EXECUTIVE LOUIS HAZAN WAS FOUND UNHARMED IN AN ISOLATED HOUSE NEAR PARIS. THE ITALIAN DIRECTOR OF A PARIS COMPANY CONFESSED HE DIRECTED THE KIDNAPPING IN THE HOPES THAT THE RANSOM MONEY WOULD HELP HIS FAILING BUSINESS. THE THREE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLAR RANSOM DEMAND WAS NEVER MET. (OPT) TEN MEN ABDUCTED MISTER HAZAN FROM A BUSINESS MEETING NEW YEAR'S EVE. (END OPT)

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(OPT) A LOUG-AWAITED REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET WAS ISSUED THIS WEEK... AND IT CALLED ON MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR GREATER EFFORTS TO COORDINATE ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE POLICIES. BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER LEO TINDEMANS DREW UP THE REPORT, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HOPED-FOR POLITICAL UNION BY NINETEEN-EIGHTY IS IMPOSSIBLE. BUT HE SAID THE STRONGER COUNTRIES IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MUST PRESS TOWARD THAT GOAL, EVEN IF WEAKER MEMBERS SUCH AS BRITAIN AND ITALY ARE TEMPORARILY LEFT BEHIND. MISTER TINDEMANS SAID THE REPORT PRESENTS A CHALLENGE TO THE COMMON MARKET:

TAPE: TINDEMANS : 31

"THE MOST INTERESTING THING IS THAT THESE IDEAS NOW ARE FORMULATED, I'VE PROPOSED THEM TO MY COLLEAGUES, AND WE CAN OPEN WITH THIS REPORT A GREAT DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE. AND I THINK THIS WILL BE AN INTERESTING OPERATION. BECAUSE PUBLIC OPINION WILL KNOW WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING AND IN ALL THE MEMBER STATES WE CAN START WITH A DISCUSSION NOW ABOUT THE FUTURE OF EUROPE, AND THAT IN ITSELF WILL BE A VERY GOOD THING." (END OPT)

(OPT) A FEDERAL COURT IN WASHINGTON RULED THIS WEEK THAT DOCUMENTS ACCUMULATED DURING RICHARD NIXON'S PRESIDENCY BELONG TO THE GOVERNMENT AND NOT TO THE FORMER PRESIDENT. THE RULING UPHOLDS THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF A NEW FEDERAL LAW, WHICH PROVIDES THAT PRESIDENTIAL PAPERS ARE PUBLIC PROPERTY. MISTER NIXON HAD SOUGHT FULL CONTROL OVER THE SO-CALLED WATERGATE TAPES AND PAPERS, BUT THE COURT SAID HE MIGHT ATTEMPT TO DISTORT OR DESTROY THEM TO IMPROVE THE HISTORICAL RECORD OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. THE PAPERS WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC YET PENDING AN APPEAL THAT MISTER NIXON'S LAWYER, HERBERT MILLER, SAID WOULD BE MADE TO THE SUPREME COURT:

TAPE: MILLER : 21

"IN MY OPINION THIS IS NOT ONLY A DANGEROUS BREAK IN TRADITION BUT A CONSTITUTIONALLY IMPERMISSIBLE INCURSION BY THE CONGRESS INTO THE FUNCTION AND THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY.... THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF WHICH WE CANNOT REALIZE NOW, BUT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BECOME MANIFEST IN THE YEARS TO COME."

WATERGATE WAS ALSO THE SUBJECT IN ANOTHER WASHINGTON COURTROOM WHERE FOUR MEN APPEALED THEIR CONVICTIONS ON COVER-UP CHARGES. LAWYERS FOR H.R. HALDEMAN, JOHN EHRLICHMAN, JOHN MITCHELL AND ROBERT MARDIAN CONTEND THEIR CLIENTS DID NOT GET A FAIR TRIAL BECAUSE OF PREJUDICIAL PUBLICITY. A RULING IS NOT EXPECTED FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS. (END OPT) THE ANGLO-FRENCH SUPERSONIC AIRPLANE CONCORDE WAS BACK IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK, AS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT STUDIES A REQUEST FOR DAILY LANDING RIGHTS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. THE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SAID THE CONCORDE SHOULD BE BANNED BECAUSE IT IS TOO NOISY AND WILL DESTROY THE EARTH'S

OZONE LAYER. THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION DISAGREED, SAYING LIMITED CONCORDE FLIGHTS WOULD HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE SUPPLY OF OZONE. BUT W.M.O. DID SUGGEST AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON EMISSION LEVELS.

(OPT) BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT GERALD KAUFFMAN HAD THIS OPINION:

TAPE: KAUFFMAN:26

"THE FACT IS THAT CONCORDE IS AN AIRPLANE WHICH WILL INFILCT THE MOST LIMITED ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT UPON THIS COUNTRY IF IT'S PERMITTED TO FLY IN, AND WILL BESTOW A VERY GREAT BENEFIT ON BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES, NAMELY SPEED OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO MOST FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN THE WESTERN WORLD. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE AIMING FOR ... A FAIR DEAL FOR YOUR BEST FRIEND." (END OPT)

FRENCH UNION OFFICIALS THREATENED RETALIATION IF U.S. LANDING RIGHTS ARE DENIED. LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST-BACKED UNION AT THE CONCORDE PLANT SAID THEY WOULD ASK AIRPORT WORKERS NOT TO SERVICE U.S. PLANES LANDING IN FRANCE. U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY WILLIAM COLEMAN SAID HE'D DECIDE ON THE LANDING RIGHTS ISSUE EARLY NEXT MONTH.

PROSPECTS LOOKED DIM THIS WEEK FOR THE SUMMER OLYMPICS IN MONTREAL. OFFICIALS PUBLICLY ADMITTED THE OLYMPIC COMPLEX MIGHT NOT BE READY IN TIME FOR THE OPENING OF THE GAMES JULY SEVENTEENTH. STRIKES, MATERIAL SHORTAGES AND POOR WEATHER HAVE DELAYED CONSTRUCTION, AND CHANCES FOR COMPLETION ON TIME ARE NOW RATED AT ONLY FIFTY-FIFTY. MEANWHILE, THE WINTER OLYMPICS IN INNSBRUCK ARE FACING A DIFFERENT KIND OF PROBLEM ... A LACK OF SNOW. NATURE ISN'T COOPERATING ... TEMPERATURES ARE WELL ABOVE NORMAL, AND PRECIPITATION IS DOWN. SO MAN HAS TAKEN THE SITUATION INTO HIS OWN HANDS. CREWS ARMED WITH SHOVELS ARE STRIPPING

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THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS ... AND TRUCKING THE SNOW INTO
INNSBRUCK.

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ANNCR:

THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES MAKING HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS _____.
JOIN US AGAIN NEXT _____, WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS ON "THIS WEEK."

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